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SUBJECT: TEXTS OF TOASTS

1. TRANSMITTED HERewith FOR THE RECORD AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION ARE TEXTS OF TOASTS AS TRANSCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT INTERPRETER JOSE DESEABRA AT SECRETARY OF STATE'S RECEPTION FEBRUARY 20 GIVEN AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF GOB FORMIN SILVEIRA.

2. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER:

"ANTONIO, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SINCE I ARRIVED HERE WE HAVE ALREADY SAID TO EACH OTHER EVERYTHING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SAID. MY ONLY COMMENT IS THAT YOU SPEAK ENGLISH WITH A BETTER ACCENT THAN I.

"I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRERD THE ENORMOUS SKILL WITH WHICH YOU NUDGE ME INTO SAYING AND DOING THINGS THAT FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF BRAZILIAN POLICY. BUT THAT IS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE BECAUSE, IN FACT, THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF OUR COUNTRIES COINCIDE ON MANY VITAL ASPECTS.

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"FOR THE U.S. THE EMERGENCE OF BRAZIL AS A GREAT POWER MAY CAUSE US SOME DIFFICULTIES FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS A CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT BECAUSE WE ARE DEALING WITH A TRADITIONAL FRIEND WHO HAS BECOME AN EVER MORE VALUABLE PARTNER.

"THIS, HOWEVER, IS A PERSONAL OCCASION, NOT A POLITICAL ONE. I WANT TO ASSURE OUR BRAZILIAN FRIENDS HERE PRESENT THAT EVEN THOUGH ANTONIO AND I ARE THE CLOSEST OF FRIENDS, HE STILL HARASSES ME WITH HIS BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND INFINITE SKILL. I TRY IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO KEEP UP WITH HIM, BUT IT IS NOT MY FAULT IF I DON'T THINK AS FAST AS HE DOES AND THEREFORE IT TAKES ME AN EXTRA YEAR TO DO WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE EARLIER.

"WHEN I ARRIVED HERE HE SAID TO ME THAT I WAS HERE IN MY OWN HOME. FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS JUST COME FROM WASHINGTON, THAT IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING SENTENCE I HAVE HEARD IN A LONG TIME. ACTUALLY, I FEEL MUCH BETTER THAN IF I WERE HOME.

"THIS IS A COMMENT INSPIRED NOT BY FRIENDLY CALCULATION BUT BY HUMAN NECESSITY, AS THE FRIENDSHIP THAT ANTONIO AND I HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS REFLECTS THE FEELINGS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AND THAT IS AN EXCITING AND HEARTWARMING EXPERIENCE.

"BEFORE MY TOAST, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT NOT ONLY HAS MIN. SILVEIRA LESS OF AN ACCENT IN ENGLISH THAN I HAVE, BUT MRS. SILVEIRA SPEAKS GERMAN WITH LESS OF AN ACCENT THAN I HAVE.

"AND NOW I WANT TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE BEST OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS MIN. AND MRS. SILVEIRA."

3. FORMIN SILVEIRA (DELIVERED IN PORTUGUESE):

"IT IS TRUE, AS HENRY HAS JUST MENTIONED, THAT WE HAVE ALREADY SAID TO EACH OTHER ALL THAT NEEDED TO BE SAID.

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"MY GOOD FRIEND JOHN, (AMB. CRIMMINS) REALIZING THAT STATE OF AFFAIRS, MAY HAVE MADE IT A POINT TO PLACE US AS FAR APART AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO MISS ONE ANOTHER. SUCH ARE THE FEELINGS OF ALL THE BRAZILIANS THAT HAVE MET THE SECRETARY OF STATE: THEY WILL MISS HIM. THEY WILL MISS HIM INDEED BECAUSE THE WELCOME EXTENDED HIM HERE CAME FROM THE VERY HEART OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE IN THIS CITY THAT IS NOT A MASSIVE METROPOLIS, A CITY WITH A SOMEWHAT

RAREFIELD POPULATION. THE NATURE OF THAT WELCOME IS REFLECTED IN THE SMILES OF SATISFACTION OF THOSE WHO LOOKED AT THE SECRETARY AS IF HE WERE A MIRACLE.

"HENRY KISSINGER IS REALLY A MIRACLE FOR THE U.S.

"AS WE LOOK AT THE EVOLVING PATTERN OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL, WE NOTICE MORE AND MORE HOW THESE TWO COUNTRIES SHARE SIMILAR HUMANE FEELINGS. ALSO WE ARE ALL AWARE OF U.S. PRESENCE IN BRAZIL AND BRAZILIAN PRESENCE IN THE U.S. WE MAY HAVE SOME DIFFERENCES, BUT WE SHARE MANY OBJECTIVES AND IDEALS.

"I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED REGARDING OUR FRIENDSHIP. FRIENDSHIPS ARE NOT IMPORTANT IN A PURELY TEMPORAL CONTEXT; WHAT MATTERS IS HOW THEY START, HOW THEY ARE NURTURED AND HOW WE ADD FRIENDS DURING DIFFERENT PHASES OF OUR LIVES. SO WHEN WE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IT WAS THE COMING TOGETHER, THE COALESCENCE, SO TO SPEAK, OF SOME VERY IMPORTANT AFFINITIES.

"THE SIGNIFICANT THING IS THAT THROUGH AN EVER CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HENRY AND ME THERE CAN BE DEVELOPED A STRONGER, DEEPER, HEALTHIER AND MORE INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL.

"HENRY SAID JUST NOW THAT AS BRAZIL GROWS IN STATURE THAT WILL MEAN MORE WORK FOR THE U.S. THAT'S GREAT, AS I HAVE PLENTY OF WORK RIGHT NOW, AND CAN USE SOME HELP. IF THE U.S. IS A GIANT PACHYDERM, WE ARE A NOT SO SMALL SUB-PACHYDERM. THE PROBLEM WITH PACHYDERMS IS THAT WHILE THEY ARE SLOW, ONCE THEY START WORKING WE HAVE TO STAY OUT IN FRONT OF THEM TO GUIDE THEM AND WATCH OUT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY DO NOT MISTAKE A WALL FOR A DOOR. IT IS OUR JOB TO AVOID SUCH SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT CREATE RESENTMENTS ON THE PART OF OTHERS.

"THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN TIME AS TO WHEN A GIVEN STAGE HAS TAKEN PLACE, BUT THERE ARE COMMON HISTORICAL PROCESSES THAT ARE BOUND TO OCCUR. ONE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THESE HISTORICAL PROCESSES IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVER BETTER COOPERATION.

"I WANT TO THANK HENRY FOR COMING HERE. HIS GESTURE, HIS DECISION WILL HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HIS COMING HERE IS PROOF OF CONFIDENCE WHICH WE TRY TO RECIPROCATATE.

"I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WERE TO BE REPLACED. THE MATTER CAN BE OVERSIMPLIFIED BY SAYING THAT NO ONE IS ESSENTIAL, OR IRREPLACEABLE. THE FACT IS THAT WE NEED A MAN THAT CAN MAKE A VITALLY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY TO PEACE IN THE WORLD AMONG NATIONS, BUT ALSO TO AN EVER CLOSER AND INCREASINGLY CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL. SO WE ALL HOPE THAT HE CAN STAY IN HIS PRESENT POSITION. ALL THAT HE AND I CAN DO IS TO CARRY OUT THE NATURAL MANDATE GIVEN TO US BY OUR PEOPLES.

"OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP, CHARACTERIZED BY A POLITICAL WILL, OPENS THE WAY TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR DESTINIES AS NATIONS THAT ARE CLOSE FRIENDS.

"I SHALL NOW CONCLUDE BY DRINKING TO YOUR AND NANCY'S HAPPINESS AND TO A MORE FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL."
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